



Welcome

What a great joy it is to welcome our new senior pastor Rev. Phil Waugh and his wife Karen .

Phil & Karen have come to us from Springwood Baptist after serving there for eight years. Phil has also had pastoral roles at Carlingford, Taree & Toronto Baptist Churches.

Word around town is that Phil is looking for some new golf buddies. Please give him a chance to settle in before you rush him!

We pray you will be richly blessed as you minister to us. .



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Our Celebration Lunch

Well what a wonderful time we had at our Celebration Lunch on 27th March.

James started the celebrations off with an encouraging word and prayer. Pip and Katie did a great job entertaining us. Pip wandered amongst the people and introduced us to a number of people - both newcomers and long time attendees - and also entertained us with the odd joke. Katie provided us with music from times past and present.



Well done to Bronwyn & Christy who won the Anniversary logo competition (See the winning logo above). There were 18 excellent logos entered. Bronwyn & Christy won a voucher for free entry to the main anniversary celebration in September.

Thank you to all those who cooked, served, setup and cleaned up, or were involved in any other way. We were blessed by your service.



But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 79:13



May - Mission Month



As usual we have set aside May as Mission Month. During this month we concentrate our minds on Missions and we will have some great activities to help us do this (more on this later in this newsletter).

Meanwhile here are some interesting facts about our missionaries over the years.

No. of missionaries supported over the years :57.

Places where they served:

Bangladesh, Canberra, China, Irian Jaya (now Papua), Kazakhstan, Malawi, Middle East, Mongolia, Nepal, New Caledonia, Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Queensland, Russia, Saipan, South East Asia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Missions they served with:

ABMS (now Baptist Mission Australia), Agape, Asia Pacific Christian Mission, Anglican Aid, Far East Broadcasting Company, Bridgeworks, Care for Children, Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship, Mission Aviation

Fellowship, Middle East Concern, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Pioneers, Scripture Union, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ, Youth With A Mission.

Short Term Mission Visits: 7

Work Parties: 3

Pastoral Visits: 6

*Go into all the
world and preach
the gospel.
Mark 16:15*

John Mraz - One of our Missionaries

My name is John (Mraz) and I have been a part of YWAM (Youth With A Mission) for the past 24 years. During these years I have mostly ministered within training administration. Currently my role is at YWAM's University of the Nations International Registrar for Asia. Much of this involves working alongside our course leaders, assisting them with keeping student and course records, as well as staff development within the Asia region.

In my early days I travelled more than I do at the moment. Then I found it particularly hard to establish a place I could call home. God challenged me in the early 2000's to be committed to the local, as well as to Cross-Cultural work.

On my return from overseas, surprisingly, friends invited me to Belconnen Baptist Church (BBC). There were a couple of key

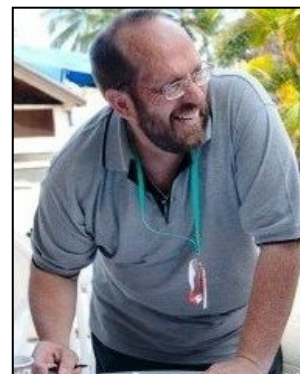
highlights that established BBC for me – one was Dave & Karen's home-group where I was welcomed and accepted - even with the constant uncertainty of whether I would be there for the weekly time or not. That small group became a family that cared for one another wherever we were.

The other highlight was the relationship I had with David Moyes. Every time I came home, he would pull me aside for a cuppa and 'to debrief' me. This was a first from any church. David's passion for missions and willingness to leave the comfort zone is still a memory I cherish. Out of these times I was again challenged to commit - so I joined the church, and later became one of the cross-cultural workers the church supported. These relationships have been the greatest support the Mosaic community has provided me with - people who are engaged

and interested in my call. Even today while I spend more time in Canberra and Australia, the relationship with Mark Beresford, others in the Mosaic Gungahlin community, and those involved in the Cross-Cultural Workers team, it is the people who regularly pull me aside that have been the greatest source of encouragement.

Happy Anniversary Mosaic Baptist Church – your commitment to the local and to the nations continues to be a blessing.

~ John
Mraz



Joy Atkinson - A Returned Missionary

I was home on furlough from Papua New Guinea in 2001. As I was planning my furlough year, I added into those plans a trip to Canberra so that I could catch up with everyone at BBC. I can clearly remember sitting in the service at Page one Sunday morning during that visit and I felt the Lord was saying to me... 'this is the church where you will be when your days in Papua New Guinea are over!' It was a desire that never left me!

My years in Papua New Guinea came to an end after I had both of my knees replaced in 2002. I headed back to PNG in 2003 to pack up and say farewell. On my return to Australia, I was living with my parents and I began working as part of the Wycliffe Australia team. When the need arose for a Wycliffe representative in Canberra I was challenged to take up that role! I struggled with that decision...not because I didn't want to go to Canberra, but because I felt that my parents who

were in their 90's at that point, needed me to be with them. So, one day I decided to talk to my Dad...I explained the situation and his response was immediate...he said... 'Joybells, if the Lord wants you in Canberra, we don't want you here!'

And so I came to Canberra! I received the warmest welcome. It was like I had come home! One special blessing was that I already belonged to a home group. Years before the church had asked home groups to adopt a missionary. One group did just that and adopted me! On my return I was able to be a regular part of that group...a group that I already felt part of because they had kept in touch all through my years in Papua New Guinea. It was one of the many blessings! I am still part of that group! I am home!

~ Joy Atkinson



People Supported Past & Present

Audrey Neale
Mr & Mrs Canonge
Ross & Kathleen Caughley
Janet Cowden
Marie Kerr
Joy Atkinson
Allen & Joy Marks
Jenny Lee
Phil & Bev Hemer
Harvey Jones
Sue Harrison
Bruce & Glenys Waters
Ian Kerr
Clayton Fergie
Jane Arnott
Geoff & Amanda Ogilvie
Norm & Sheila Draper
Ryan Dunch
Matt Purcell
Calene Backhouse
Mark & Anne Osborne
David & Tina Cannon
Ian Wishart
David & Jan Bayliss
Mike & Pat Clark
Belinda Bennett
Scott & Kathryn Girvan
Anne Grant
Dominik & Raelene Fechner
Megan Laufer
Natashia Allitt
Ken & Angela Mack
Kate Starkis
Christa Taylor
Nathan Wilson
John Mraz
Irwin & Gaye Hodder
Vicki Salkin
Peter Chenery
Aaron & Jenny Brett
Lindsay & Lola Fairhead
Greg & Rachel Shipp

Mission Finances

Mosaic's Cross Cultural Ministry (previously known as The Missions Team, and Sending & Supporting) has a long history of providing significant financial support to workers and their families before they depart, during their time in the field and when they return.

Offerings for missions are received and distributed separately from the general church offering. Distributions are calculated monthly through the 'unit system' whereby adults in the field are provided with one unit of support and children up until the age of 23 are provided with half a unit of

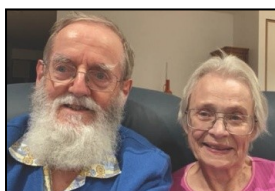
support. In the 2020/2021 financial year, Mosaic's Cross Cultural Ministry Team distributed \$98,632.92 received from offerings with the unit value, per month, varying from between \$264 to \$388. Mosaic also provides significant support for Global Interaction, now called Baptist Mission Australia.

In addition \$85,375 was received from the Op Shop and was distributed quarterly as per the unit system as a special gift. It was always encouraging to hear how this gift often arrived at a time when there was a particular need e.g. medical insurance to be paid or a vehicle to be repaired.

Belconnen Baptist Church: The Middle Years

BBC started with great enthusiasm in 1972, soon fueled by the enthusiasm and guidance of our first full-time pastor, Garth Eichhorn, bringing a West Australian flavour to our already broad geographical group. Yet with diversity came differences as more and more people from around Australia and overseas were seeking to join us. We had to work through some challenging issues – very hard at the time but satisfying to look back upon. Others have said that we led the way in treating baptism as an act of discipleship rather than as a gateway into membership. Passing that hurdle we attracted members from a wider range of traditions with the richness and diversity that implied. A major task in the 70s & 80s was the publication, involving the conceptualising, planning, writing, and distributing, of our Integrated Bible Studies which reached around Australia and overseas. This involved a large team of members with diverse gifts and roles and it stimulated the preaching, small group studies,

personal devotions and family devotions over 12 weeks three times a year. This was our church “in ministry”. Several ministries have blossomed for a while – we recall Thematic Houseparties, Telephone Counselling, Easter in the Mall, Dramas & Musicals, Tertiary Student Housing, Boys and Girls Brigades, Nursing Home Services – but a constant focus on missions, including sending, supporting and visiting. It is significant that much of what we now see looking back has arisen from grass-roots vision of members encouraged by the large number of pastoral and lay-leadership appointments. Three long-term senior pastors, each in that role for more than a decade, have formed a backbone for the shorter-term and lay-ministries that have sustained and encouraged us.



~ Bruce &
Sheila Millar
Foundation
Members

Coming Up

**3rd May 2:30pm @ Page
Mid Week Worship**

Hear from the parent of a missionary.

**8th May Induction Service for
Rev. Phil Waugh @ 2PM**

Life Unlimited Church
46 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood

18th May Cross Cultural Catch-up

Online - registrations available soon. An opportunity to be informed, ask questions and share in our workers' desires and needs for their ministry.

21st May 57 in 50 7PM @ Evatt

Looking forward, looking back through story, audio & trivia. During the night we will be raising funds for cross cultural workers currently serving.

\$5 per person & \$10 per family.

22nd May at all church services you will hear from one of our former missionaries.

**16th Sep 50th Anniversary
Celebration Meal**

Reflection on the past.

**18th Sep 50th Anniversary
Celebration Service**

Vision for the future.



Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue of the anniversary newsletter.

From the Archives - Reconnect, Celebrate, Recommit

An Extract from “The Link” - the newsletter from the 25th Anniversary - by Linton Smith the Senior Pastor at the time.

“The People of Israel constantly recited their history (Exodus 12:12-26; Deut 8:11-20; Nehemiah 9; Psalm 105).

Their history was important because it was HIS story, GOD’s story, the story of what God had done to them and through them.

When they remembered these things they kept in step with God. When they forgot they quickly fell

out of step with Him (Judges 2:6-13).

The history of BBC is important for the very same reason - it is the story of what God has done for and through the people who have made up BBC since its beginning in 1972.

This year we want to reconnect with that story and recommit

ourselves to the next stage in the journey with God.”

**Give praise to the LORD,
proclaim his name; make known
among the nations what he has
done. Sing to him, sing praise to
him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name, let the
hearts of those who seek the
LORD rejoice.**

Psalm 105: 1-3

Word Search



Find the following words. The remaining letters tell us what we are celebrating.

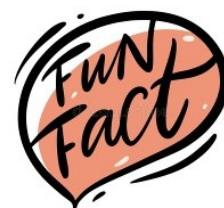
BBC	Home Groups
Born	Juice
Bread	Kids
Church board	King
Coins	Meeting
Community	Men
Congregation	Missions
Evatt	Youth
Fifty	Page
Gear	People
God	Prayer
Grey	Sermons
Gungahlin	Women

Now and Then



Not all sources for this information have been verified so believe it at your own risk!

	1972	2022
Monarch	Elizabeth II	Elizabeth II
Prime Minister	William McMahon	Scott Morrison
Australian of the Year	Shane Gould	Dylan Alcott
World Population	3,851,650,588	7,953,952,567
Population of Australia	13,067,265	25,969,100 (est.)
Population of Canberra	161,131	467,194 (est.)
Average weekly wage	Approx. \$95.00	\$1,305.00
Christian population %	Approx. 86%	52.1% (2016)



What Things Cost in 1972

Average Cost of a New Home	\$2,950.00
Bread 4lb loaf	\$0.22
Milk (quart)	\$0.20
Butter per lb	\$0.54
Potatoes per lb	\$0.46
Bananas per kg	\$0.18
Postage stamp	\$0.07